GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:260
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2017
Special Trains to Flood-hit Regions
Joshi Shri Pralhad Venkatesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has introduced special trains in flood-hit regions/States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the trains and the number of trains so introduced, State-wise;

(c) whether essential items are also being transported by the Railways to such regions/States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 260 BY SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2017 REGARDING SPECIAL TRAINS TO FLOOD-HIT REGIONS

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In order to facilitate flood affected people, Railways has organized to run three passenger special trains between Silchar - Guwahati, Murkong Selek - Guwahati on Northeast Frontier Railway and Palanpur to Bhuj on Western Railway. However, Railways run special trains wherever there is passenger demand including flood affected areas, keeping in view the operational feasibility and availability of required coaching stock. Running of special trains on various sectors is a continuous process.
(c) & (d) Essential items are transported by Railways as and when demand arises. On the requests from different quarters including from voluntary Organizations/National Disaster Management Authority etc., Indian Railways permits transportation of relief material on priority basis. All the necessary arrangements are made for early transportation of relief material on priority basis. But the same has not been done this year as there was no demand.
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